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Group Art Unit : 1804
Examiner : J. Martinell
Applicant : Walter C. Fiers
Serial No. : 08/452,658
Filed : May 25, 1995
For : DNA SEQUENCES, RECOMBINANT DNA MOLECULES AND PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING HUMAN FIBROBLAST INTERFERON-LIKE POLYPEPTIDES

New York, New York
July 16, 1996

Hon. Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action dated January 16, 1996. With the extension, a response is due on or before July 16, 1996. A check in the amount of \$450.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c), is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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